



# Adopting a Pet

*Bringing People  
and Animals Together*



ANIMAL  
CARE  
FACILITY



## Welcome...

The Chula Vista Animal Care Facility thanks you for your interest in adopting an animal. Adoption is a lifetime commitment, and our staff is eager to help you find the perfect companion.

Selecting a pet that's just right for you can be one of life's most rewarding experiences.

## How do I adopt?

Stroll through our state-of-the-art facility and find an animal that appeals to you. You can learn about each animal by reading the cards posted on their kennels.

Find a favorite? Jot down its identification number on the "Notes" panel in this brochure and return to the front lobby to ask our trained staff about the availability of the animal(s).

It's important to get up close and personal with your new friend. Don't be shy about asking questions.

## Ready to adopt?

Fill out an adoption application form. Renters must prove they live in a pet-friendly residence, so bring a signed copy of the lease agreement for verification. Please provide the landlord's name and contact information.

Your application will be reviewed by a staff member. If approved and if the animal is available for adoption, you will be able to spend time with the animal.

The law requires our animals to be held for a certain period time:

- To give the original owner time to claim them.
- To ensure the animals are healthy and vaccinated properly.

If an animal has not reached its available date, you may place a "hold" on it. When the animal is available, you will be able to return and adopt your pet.

If your new companion is already spayed or neutered, congratulations...you're on your way home! If not, the procedure will be performed here at our facility. **All of our animals are spayed or neutered before they leave.**





## Finding the Perfect Match

To ensure a perfect match, here are a few tips to keep in mind.

- Read about the different breeds of dogs and cats so you can select the one that matches your personality and fits into your lifestyle.
- Outline your expectations. Understand your pet will become part of the family. Puppies and kittens can be fun and exciting, however, mature pets are better adjusted and more likely to adapt to your home.
- Is your family ready for the changes a pet will bring to your home? Remember, puppies and kittens require a lot of time, energy and attention.
- Make sure no one in the family has allergies. If you are unsure about your children, have them spend time in the home of friends who have pets.
- Introduce the animal you've selected to the entire family, including other pets, before bringing your new companion home.

**Remember:** Thinking before adopting will offer you, your family, and your pet a long and satisfying life together.

## Facts

For every person born, **45 cats** and **15 dogs** are also born.

ONLY **1 out of every 12 cats** ever finds a home.

ONLY **1 out of every 10 dogs** born ever finds a home.

Over **16,000** cats and dogs are euthanized each year in San Diego County alone--because there are not enough homes.

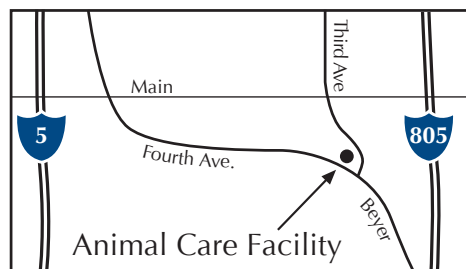
Pet over-population is everybody's problem.  
**We spay or neuter all pets that are adopted from our facility.**

Proudly serving the communities of Chula Vista,  
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